IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s)	:	Shane D. Pannell *et al.*
Application Number	:	10/783,169
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Title	:	*EXTERNAL CHEMICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND METHOD*
Confirmation No.	:	7168
Art Unit	:	3752
Examiner	:	Christopher S. Kim
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Attorney Docket No.	:	122308.00003

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS RCE
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 16, 2006, Applicant(s) respectfully submit the following preliminary amendment, together with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R 1.114 which is submitted herewith. Applicants request reconsideration and further examination of the Application in view of the amendments and/or comments as set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims: Begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks: Begin on page 12.